

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-62 are currently pending. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-46 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. These claims are canceled solely because they belong to groups of non-elected claims. Applicants thus reserve the right to reintroduce the canceled claims in this or another application.

II. Response to Restriction Requirement

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 18, 2003, Applicants elect with traverse to prosecute the claims in Group VI, namely claims 47-59. The election is made with traverse because claim 47 is a generic claim that links the claims in Groups VI, VII and VIII. It is thus requested that should claim 47 be found allowable that claims 60-62 be rejoined as described in MPEP 809.

The Office also requires an election of species with respect to a species of compound as recited in the claims. In response, Applicants elect the compound listed in claim 53, wherein R1 is H, R2 is Cl and R3 is CH<sub>3</sub>. Applicants' understanding is that the Office will follow the procedure set forth in MPEP §809.02(c), which provides for a complete action on the merits of all claims readable on the elected species, and in MPEP §803.02, whereby upon the finding of allowable species, examination will continue with the non-elected species until all species have been examined or a non-allowable species is found.

Claims 47-49, 53-55 and 59 from elected Group VI read on the elected species. Claims 60-62 also read on the elected species should these claims be rejoined as requested.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Ausenhus", written over a horizontal line.

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